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EXAMINATION REPORT

OF

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005



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Official

Term

Trustee

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01-01-03 to 12-31-06

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Hartford Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

September 25, 2006

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY  
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2004 And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 33,334	\$ 13,424	\$ 18,947	\$ 27,811
Dog	780	428	480	728
Township Assistance	21,458	5,044	1,779	24,723
Firefighting	4,675	5,179	8,396	1,458
Park and Recreation	2,943	1,254	1,222	2,975
Totals	<u>\$ 63,190</u>	<u>\$ 25,329</u>	<u>\$ 30,824</u>	<u>\$ 57,695</u>

	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Funds:				
General	\$ 27,811	\$ 18,556	\$ 17,300	\$ 29,067
Dog	728	378	428	678
Township Assistance	24,723	11,233	2,406	33,550
Firefighting	1,458	13,741	8,756	6,443
Park and Recreation	2,975	5,516	1,429	7,062
Totals	<u>\$ 57,695</u>	<u>\$ 49,424</u>	<u>\$ 30,319</u>	<u>\$ 76,800</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY  
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the Township on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY  
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES - COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Township Trustee did not complete proper reporting to the Internal Revenue Service for payments of office rent and health insurance reimbursement for 2004 and 2005.

Political subdivisions are required to comply with all grant agreements, rules, regulations, bulletins, directives, letters, letter rulings and filing requirements concerning reports and other procedural matters of federal and state agencies, including opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Indiana, and court decisions. Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. Noncompliance may require corrective action. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

Each governmental unit is responsible for compliance with all rules, regulations, guidelines, and directives of the Internal Revenue Service and the Indiana Department of Revenue. All questions concerning taxes should be directed to these agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)



HARTFORD TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY  
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on September 25, 2006, with Douglas Schwartz, Trustee.  
The official concurred with our finding.